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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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SUBJECT: GENERAL SECURITY OF INFORMATION AGREEMENT

1. IN JULY 1972 THE U.S. AND FRANCE EXCHANGED DRAFTS FOR A GENERAL SECURITY OF INFORMATION AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO AT THE GOVERNMENT LEVEL, AND A PROCEDURAL AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO AT THE MOD LEVEL. BOTH SIDES SUBSEQUENTLY CONDUCTED SURVEYS OF THE COUNTERPART SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES BUT NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT WAS NEVER UNDERTAKEN. ON JULY 10, 1975, THE FRENCH EMBASSY HERE SUBMITTED A NOTE PROPOSING THAT CONVERSATIONS BE RESUMED WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETION OF A BILATERAL SECURITY OF INFORMATION AGREEMENT, AND ENCLOSING NEW FRENCH DRAFTS FOR THAT PURPOSE. FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH DEFENSE THE DEPARTMENT SUBMITTED TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY ON NOVEMBER 12 COUNTERPART U.S. DRAFTS OF THE GENERAL AND PROCEDURAL AGREEMENTS WHICH EMBASSY HAS FORWARDED TO PARIS FOR TRANSLATION.

2. AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED THROUGH FRENCH EMBASSY TO
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RESUME CONVERSATIONS AT PARIS AT 1000 HOURS ON DECEMBER 1,

AT KLEBER CENTER, WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON A SET OF DOCUMENTS THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE THE UNCLASSIFIED SECURITY OF INFORMATION AGREEMENT. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT AFTER APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY, THE EMBASSY WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE NOTES CONSTITUTING THE GENERAL AGREEMENT. IF THE FRENCH AGREE, THE PROCEDURAL AGREEMENT (SECURITY PROTOCOL IN FRENCH TERMINOLOGY) WOULD BE FORMALIZED IN A SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AT THE MOD LEVEL.

3. DEPARTMENT AND DEFENSE HAVE AGREED THAT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (SECURITY POLICY) JOSEPH J. LIEBLING, GS-18, WILL HEAD U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THOMAS O'BRIEN, GS-16, DIRECTOR, SECURITY PLANS AND PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE, OSD, AND SOPHOCLES HERO, GS-15, OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, OSD. EMBASSY SHOULD PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN U.S. DELEGATION AND DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES. WE HAVE INDICATED TO FRENCH EMBASSY THAT ALL DOCUMENTATION MENTIONED ABOVE HAS ALSO BEEN POUCHED TO HUMPHREYS AS POINT OF CONTACT IN PARIS.

4. FRENCH INDICATE THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS AS NECESSARY THROUGH ENTIRE WEEK AND WILL PROVIDE SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION IN ROOM 7 AT KLEBER CENTER. PAGNIEZ WILL PRESIDE AT OPENING SESSION AND FRENCH DELEGATION WILL THEREAFTER BE HEADED BY DUBOC, CHIEF OF DEFENSE SECURITY SERVICE, GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE, WITH A TEAM OF THREE OFFICIALS FROM SGDN, ONE FROM DMA AND TWO FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY.

5. PLEASE RESERVE THREE SINGLES AT MAYFAIR OR SIMILAR HOTEL FROM NOVEMBER 30 FOR UP TO FIVE DAYS. LIEBLING AND O'BRIEN WILL ARRIVE ON TWA 890 SUNDAY MORNING AND WOULD APPRECIATE BEING MET AT AIRPORT. HERO ARRIVING SEPARATELY FROM NEW YORK.

6. LIEBLING WOULD LIKE TO MEET AT 0900 DECEMBER 1 WITH DCM BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH U.S. TEAM TO KLEBER CENTER.

7. PLEASE CONFIRM RESERVATIONS AND WHETHER MEETING WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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